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AUTHORITY OVER COLLEGE ASSERTED BY CONFERENCE

Committee's Report on Randolph-Macon Controversy Adopted by Overwhelming Majority.

ENTIRE DAY DEVOTED TO DISCUSSION OF SUBJECT

Trustees Strongly Oppose the Position, But Leading Ministers Fight Against Them and Point—Report Calls Upon Board Amend Charter in Accordance with June Resolution.

In spite of the vigorous resistance on the part of the trustees and prominent laymen, the Virginia annual conference of the M. E. church, South, yesterday evening adopted by an overwhelming vote the report of the committee appointed to confer with the trustees of Randolph-Macon College in regard to the Carnegie Foundation controversy. The report, in effect, asserts the authority of the conference over the college, and provides that if the trustees amend or rescind their resolution adopted in June recognizing the right of the conference to approve new members of the board, such funds as may hereafter be contributed by the conference to the support of the college shall be paid back to the conference to the support of the college shall be paid back to the conference with the legal interest. The report further calls upon the trustees to immediately take steps toward amending their charter in conformity with the resolutions adopted in June.

Considered All Day.
This matter occupied the attention of the conference yesterday from morning to night, a score or more of speeches being made. It was taken up at 10 o'clock yesterday morning and when the conference adjourned for lunch at 1:30 o'clock, the discussion was not nearly completed. A second session was held in the afternoon, the session lasting until 6 o'clock and many more speeches being heard.

Just before the morning session ended, Rev. R. M. Maxey offered a substitute resolution providing for "accepting in good faith" the action of the trustees. A motion to table this substitute was made, but a delegate arose and objected to any "gag" rule in the convention and the motion was withdrawn, thus placing the substitute before the conference.

Majority Overwhelming.
When the discussion of the original report and the substitute was concluded, Bishop Morrison first put the question on the substitute and it was voted down by an overwhelming majority. The original question was called for and a motion was made for a recorded vote on the roll call. This motion was lost and the question was put to a viva voce vote. A great chorus of "ayes" broke from the conference, while the "nays" were feeble in the extreme. No one called for a division of the vote and the bishop announced that the original report had been adopted.

Whether or not this action of the conference will end the controversy remains a question. The trustees were opposed to entering into the agreement with the conference, declaring that they cannot do so without violating their oaths of office. They are equally as strenuously opposed to having the charter amended.

Some Think Fight is Over.
Some of the leaders of the conference are inclined to believe that yesterday's action will end the fight. The contract stands at this time and the conference has the right to pass upon all new trustees elected to the board. The conference leaders believe that they can secure a majority of the members of the board favorable to the proposition of the conference before the matter can be settled in the courts. If it is taken to court, and then the new board confirmed by the

ALL OLD DIRECTORS OF S. A. L. REELECTED

Annual Meeting of Stockholders Held at Petersburg—Williams Slated for President.

(By Associated Press.)

RICHMOND, VA., Nov. 11.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Seaboard Air Line Railway was held today in the company's office at Petersburg. Judge Leigh R. Watts, of Portsmouth, presided, and D. C. and E. of New York, was secretary.

The stock was represented in person by proxy. Present were: Judge Watts, of Portsmouth; Robert L. Nutt, of Richmond; D. C. Porthouse, B. H. of New York; John Skelton of Richmond; F. G. Boyce, of Baltimore.

Of the nineteen old directors re-elected and a twentieth was elected in the person of H. C. Perkins, of Washington, D. C., who is said to be a warm personal friend and a business association of John S. Williams, the probable new president of the road.

The routine business was transacted at the meeting today. The directors will meet later in New York for election and the election of a president.

Crystal Maid Wins Feature.

(By Associated Press.)

CINCINNATI, OHIO, Nov. 11.—Crystal Maid came back to form today when the feature race at Latonia mile handicap, from Belmont in a hard drive. The latter set pace and was only passed a few furlongs from the finish. Boca Granain annexed first money in his eighth to fair field of two year. riles won. The next meeting will be held on Monday, the track being closed for three days for an aviation meet.

ACT CONSTITUTIONAL

Judge nan Rules Against Insurance Tax.

GOES SUPREME COURT

Should Deny Hold, Virginia Firemen Will Relief Fund Provided by State Tax Now Assessed Against Companies by Bill.

(Special to The Daily Press.)
RICHMOND, VA., Nov. 11.—Judge Daniel Griffin of the Chancery Court, today ruled unconstitutional the act passed by the last session of the legislature providing a tax on insurance companies doing business in the state in order to provide a pension fund for firemen.

The tax was a special one in addition to other taxes and licenses paid by the insurance companies in Virginia. Some months ago a notice from the insurance commissioner to the companies asking them to join in an action to test the constitutionality of the law creating the tax, a test case was made out and some weeks ago before Judge Griffin.

Go to State Court.
The case will now be reviewed in the Supreme Court. For several years the Firemen's Relief Association, been before the various legislatures, asking the adoption of such a law and it was finally passed by the general assembly, which also provided for pensioning school teachers.

In the case of the insurance companies, prompt to resist the collection of a special tax.

The tax is \$1 on every \$100 of premiums on fire and marine insurance on property situated within the limits of cities and towns having organized fire departments with equipment exceeding \$500, where fire laws are enforced to satisfaction of the insurance commissioner. The amount thus derived to be disbursed among the various fire associations for distribution among disabled firemen.

NOT SATISFIED WITH SOUTH'S ADVANCEMENT

Secretary Wilson Says Agriculture Has Been Neglected For Manufactures.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 11.—Secretary Wilson, of the department of agriculture is not satisfied with the advancement of the South agriculturally as compared with its gains in manufactures.

He has just returned from the annual meeting of the National Farmers' congress at Raleigh, N. C., and while in that state he made an investigation of its agricultural development. His inquiry has not satisfied him, according to a statement today.

While the manufacturers of that section have wrested control of cotton from outsiders the farmers of North Carolina have not been keeping up to the same standard of enterprise. During his visit to North Carolina Mr. Wilson visited Raleigh, Durham and Greensboro, making excursions from those points into the adjacent counties.

Mr. Wilson declared that within the near future there is certain to be an influx of northern and western farmers to North Carolina and other southern states for the northern and western lands can be sold at a price per acre sufficient to buy two acres in the south.

PRESIDENT LEAVES FOR TWO DAYS TRIP

Will Receive Degree of Doctor of Laws at Wesleyan University.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 11.—President Taft and party left Washington on the Federal Express over the Pennsylvania Railroad at 5:35 this afternoon for Hartford and Middletown, Conn., for a two day trip. The departure was made on schedule time and was without incident.

In the President's private car "Mayflower" were Vice-president Sherman, Attorney General Wickersham and Mr. Taft's military aide, Captain Archibald Butt.

The vice-president will accompany the President to Middletown where the degree of L. L. D. will be conferred on both of them tomorrow by Wesleyan University.

Mr. Wickersham's presence on the train was for the purpose of discussing with the President matters pertaining to his department. Only a few persons were present at the union station to see the presidential party off.

DRAIN THREE MILLION ACRES OF SWAMP LAND

Great Project to be Undertaken by North Carolina Organization.

(By Associated Press.)

NEWBERN, N. C., Nov. 11.—With a view to the draining and reclamation of nearly three million acres of swamp lands in the state, one hundred delegates to the North Carolina Drainage Association gathered here today. The lands in question are nearly all found in the eastern part of North Carolina and are declared to be highly productive. The opening session of the convention was addressed by Representative John H. Small and A. W. Ingram, state commissioner of agriculture.

The greater part of the session was given up to a discussion of the best means of draining the swamp lands, the debate being by E. W. Meyers, of Greensboro, and John Hyde Pratt, state geologist. Harry K. Wolcott, of the Norfolk & Southern Railway, spoke on "The railroads interest in drainage."

YOUNG DESPERADO KILLS BANK CASHIER

Carrying Pistol in Each Hand, Robber Shoots With Fatal Effect in Indiana Bank.

HIS FATHER DECLARES HE'S JUST NATURALLY MEAN

Murderer, Captured After Vain Attempt to Escape in Automobile.

Proves to Be Louisville Furniture Dealer—Two Wounded Men May Die—Lynching Prevented by Ruse.

(By Associated Press.)

LOUISVILLE, KY., Nov. 11.—In an attempt at bank robbery, a young man, who has been partially identified as Arthur Hall, of Louisville, a dealer in second hand furniture, entered the Merchants National Bank at New Albany, Ind., shortly before noon today and killed J. Hangary Fawcett, cashier, seriously wounded John K. Woodward, president of the bank and wounded James R. Tucker, a negro chauffeur, probably fatally.

When Hall entered the bank he carried a pistol in each hand. After commanding everyone to throw up his hands and "get into the vault," Hall began shooting.

Cashier Fawcett was shot through the chest and neck and died almost instantly. President Woodward was shot through the liver and his intestines were perforated. Tucker, the chauffeur, was shot through the body.

Desperate Attempt to Escape.
Following the shooting the murderer rushed through the bank and tried to escape in an automobile which he had taken from the curb in front of the residence of the owner, Mrs. Walter Ercott, in Louisville. He had forced the negro chauffeur at the point of a pistol to drive him to New Albany.

After the shooting at the bank the chauffeur was paralyzed with terror and apparently incapable of action, sat still when the robber jumped into the car and ordered him to speed up the machine. The robber then jumped out of the automobile, shot the negro in the back and ran two blocks to the Ohio river. He seized a skiff and was on his way to the Louisville side of the river before the frightened citizens of New Albany knew what had transpired. An alarm was given through a megaphone on a dredge boat and in a short time several policemen had started in pursuit in a fast motor boat.

Lynching Prevented by Ruse.

Capturing their man they brought him to shore, where by a ruse Police Captain Adams kept back the crowd of 200 persons which crowded around the dock as the police boat landed. Commanding the prisoner to lie down, Captain Adams announced to the crowd that the man had taken poison and was dead, meanwhile carrying him to the patrol wagon and giving the word to drive ahead. The bandit was taken to the New Albany jail. A few moments later he was removed to the Southern Indiana Reformatory, at Jeffersonville, to escape the mob which, realizing that it had been tricked, had assembled around the jail.

In his cell at the Reformatory the prisoner refused to give his name and talked only when hard pressed by questions.

He said that he had been around Louisville for several days. He did not know Tucker, the chauffeur, and declared Tucker was not implicated in the attempt on the bank.

Refuses to Tell Name.

"I won't tell my name. I have several brothers and sisters. My father don't live with my mother, and all of them are not within six hundred miles of this place. I never was in trouble but once. That was at Lexington, Ky. on Halloween a long time ago."

He seemed to be confused, but is apparently not insane. He confessed that he planned the robbery and says he had no assistance. The bandit is good looking, in a boyish, somewhat

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ILLINOIS MOB ON RAMPAGE AFTER LYNCHING OF NEGRO

THIRD WOMAN INVOLVED IN WARRINER'S CASE

Name Has Been Given to Prosecutor—Prisoner in Very Feeble State.

(By Associated Press.)

CINCINNATI, OHIO, Nov. 11.—Mystery enveloping the relations of Charles L. Warriner, the defaulting local treasurer of the Big Four Railroad, with the two women and a man, whom he asserts have systematically blackmailed him for several years, was deepened late today when it was learned from one of the railroad officials that another woman, whose name has not been previously mentioned, was involved.

This official, who has been specially detailed to investigate the \$643,000 shortage, confessed to by Warriner, stated that the woman who enters as a new factor into the case had, as far as he knows, no criminal connection with the embezzlement, but could give important information of the disposition of the money. Her name has been given to Prosecutor Hunt and she will probably be subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury.

There were no other developments in the case. The reports of Mr. Warriner's breakdown in health were reiterated and it was generally conceded the accused man is in a very feeble, if not precarious condition.

YALE PROFESSOR CALLS PROPHETS MUCKRAKERS

Dr. Kent Criticizes Isaiah, Ezekiel and Jeremiah, and Refers to Stories as Myths.

LAWRENCE, KY., Nov. 11.—The prophets Isaiah, Ezekiel and Jeremiah were classed as muckrakers and many of the stories of the Old Testament were termed myths by Dr. Charles Foster Kent, of the Yale Divinity school, in a lecture before students of the University of Kansas here yesterday.

"The prophets of Israel were the social reformers of the times," he said. "They were muckrakers, to use a present-day term. They were sensational in their methods, notably Isaiah, Ezekiel and Jeremiah."

While Professor Kent believes that many stories in the Old Testament are myths he sees good in them. He says the prophets were teaching a simple people and were forced to use extraordinary means to drive home their points.

In discussing the story of the Garden of Eden, the speaker said he believed it to be a legend that served a good purpose that being lifted to the childlike minds of the people to whom it was first related.

Y. M. C. A. CONFERENCE MEETS IN RICHMOND

Capital City Youths Vie With Each Other for Honor of Acting as Escorts.

(Special to The Daily Press.)

RICHMOND, VA., Nov. 11.—The territorial conference of the Young Women's Christian Association of Virginia, North and South Carolina began its sessions in the Seventh Street Christian church tonight with an address by Dr. Joseph D. Kelly, of Washington, D. C.

The city of Richmond has been practically turned over to the more than two hundred determined young women who are here to discuss methods for the betterment of the physical and moral welfare of their working sisters. The majority of the delegates are being entertained in private homes.

The young men of the city are vying with each other for the honor of being named as escorts for the visiting girls to and from their meetings. The victors will be furnished with escorts on each occasion. Young girls will act as escorts at each of the scheduled meetings.

Many pretty social functions have also been arranged in honor of the visitors. Three business meetings will be held tomorrow. The delegates present represent not only the three states within the territory of the conference, but the majority of the girls' schools within the boundaries of their states.

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ORGANIZING STAFF FOR NEW RICHMOND PAPER

Morning and Afternoon Editions May be Published—Byrd as Contributing Editor.

(Special to The Daily Press.)

RICHMOND, VA., Nov. 11.—Solon B. Woodfin, the managing editor of the Virginian, the new daily paper to be launched in Richmond with the new year, stated today that there is a good prospect of publishing a morning as well as an afternoon edition. The morning feature, however, has not yet been fully determined upon. Woodfin is now engaged in organizing his staff and arranging his regular and special press service. The new paper, it is understood, is not to be an organ of any kind. The policy of the paper will be independently Democratic.

It is suggested today that Richard Evelyn Byrd, speaker of the house of delegates, will be one of the contributing editors. One hundred thousand dollars has been subscribed for the development of the enterprise.

PRESS ASSOCIATION ADJOURNS.

Visitors Make Auto Tour of Historic Places Around Richmond.

(Special to The Daily Press.)

RICHMOND, VA., Nov. 11.—The Virginia Press Association, which has been in session in this city for several days, reached a final adjournment late this afternoon, after a short business session. The members were then taken for a tour of the city in automobiles, visiting all the historic places and points of interest, including the battlefield at Seven Pines. Many of the visitors left the city during the day.

A reception was tendered those who remained, at the Jefferson Hotel tonight. The association will meet next year in Lynchburg.

The meeting adjourned without the election of officers, the session being primarily in order that the members might meet and greet the President of the United States, who was in Richmond for twelve hours on yesterday.

LAYMEN'S CONVENTION

President Taft Principal Speaker at Meeting.

GIFFORD PINCHOT IN CHAIR

National Capital Joins in Movement for Evangelization of World With One of the Greatest Gatherings Yet Held—Mr. Taft's Address.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 11.—With President Taft as the principal speaker, the convention of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, organized and supported by the men of practically all the churches of Washington, opened here this morning. The movement is a national one.

Gifford Pinchot, chief forester, of the United States chairman of the committee of the movement presided, and introduced the President. Round after round of applause greeted President Taft as he came upon the stage. Mr. Taft gave the missionary movement his heartiest endorsement and for half an hour told the assemblage of his personal observations of missionary work.

"I like to think, whether it is true or not," said Mr. Taft, "that we have in this generation people whose views of the responsibilities of civilized nations differ from those which prevailed in the last generation, especially as applied to our own country."

Responsibility to Other Nations.

The time had passed, he said, when people regarded themselves as having no responsibility to other nations. Speaking of the expenses which had been incurred by the United States in the Philippines he expressed the opinion that the money had been well spent, although the occupation of the United States was of benefit chiefly to the people of the islands.

Referring to the Boxer movement in

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Cairo Jail Stormed and Alleged White Wife Murderer Taken Out and Hanged in Street.

SHOP GIRL'S BLACK SLAYER STRUNG UP TO PUBLIC ARCH

Sheriff, Endeavoring to Escape With Prisoner, Driven from Town to Town, Citizens Refusing Him Assistance to Escape and Even Food—Women First to Pull Rope—Governor Orders Troops to Scene.

(By Associated Press.)

CAIRO, ILL., Nov. 11.—Henry Salzman, white, a photographer, who killed his wife last July with an axe, was taken from jail at 11:40 o'clock tonight by the mob and hanged to a telephone pole and his body riddled with bullets. This lynching followed closely on the lynching of Will James, a negro, who earlier in the evening had been hanged for the murder of Miss Annie Pelley.

The governor, who is in Chicago, ordered 11 companies of the state guard to Cairo at once. The mob gave Salzman a chance to confess after the rope was around his neck, but he was so frightened that he could only mumble that his sisters had killed his wife.

The mob became furious at this and it was hard work to keep them off Salzman long enough to give him a chance to pray. The mob finally subsided and a short religious was held, after which he was strung up, the rope being placed over a telephone pole at Twenty-first and Washington streets.

Mob Breaks Into Cage

The mob found some difficulty in breaking the cage, as it was an entirely steel structure, but after a half hour of telling blows upon the door it gave way and Salzman was secured. The mob rushed him out of the back door of the jail, which is in the basement of the court house around the building, through the yard and out into Washington avenue and up to Twenty-first street, which is a prominent and business street and has a public square. He cried and begged piteously for his life and was met by cries and blows from the mob.

Roughly Handled for Interfering.

When Salzman was asked for his last statement, a man, a stranger in the crowd, stepped forward and said he believed Salzman was innocent, whereupon the mob fell upon him, kicked him and finally knocked him down and it was only the pleas of cooler persons that saved his life. He was compelled to beg mercy from the mob and announced in a loud voice that Salzman should be lynched, after which he was driven from the mob and all attention was given to Salzman.

After Salzman was hanged and while the body was being riddled with bullets the rope broke and the body fell to the ground, where it now lies, the mob going away and leaving it.

Was Accused by Dying Wife.

Salzman was born and reared here. He had been married about two years last July, when his wife was found at her home with her skull fractured. A bloody axe was found under the bed. Two babies were playing in the mother's blood. Salzman was found at the home of his mother, where he often slept at night. Before Mrs. Salzman died she recovered enough to accuse her husband of attacking her. Feeling against him had been bitter and tonight after the lynching of James, when some one suggested Salzman the mob rushed for the county jail, got Salzman and lynched him.

Search for the negro Alexander, supposed accomplice of James in the Pelley murder continues.

Strung Up To Arch.

CAIRO, ILL., Nov. 11.—Will James, the negro suspected of being the murderer of Miss Annie Pelley, was killed here tonight by a mob. James

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